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To whom it may concern,

I urge you to ban forced molting. Forced molting of hens leads to an increase in their shedding which in turn leads to an increase in the many human illnesses and deaths caused by Salmonella enteritidis.

Forced molting is a primary cause of infectious diseases in hens, eggs and consumers of eggs.

In April of 1998 the FDA received a petition to ban forced molting. How many more children have to die and people have to get sick before you grant this petition?

If the US Egg industry is involved in a practice which is a hazard to public health you are responsible for stopping it.

You must do more than simply require bacteria warning labels on egg cartons and regulate egg refrigeration temperatures. That is not enough.

You have jurisdiction to ban farm practices, such as forced molting, that injure human health. This is your responsibility.

Please, protect the American public and ban the horrible practice of forced molting.

Sincerely,

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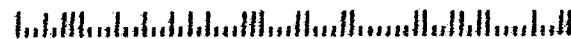

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